Primary Maker: Thomas Fitch Rowland
Title: Builder's half-model of the USS "Monitor"
Date: 1862
Medium: Wood, metal
Dimensions: Overall: 14 1/2 x 98 x 12 in. (36.8 x 248.9 x 30.5 cm)
Credit Line: Gift of Thomas Fitch Rowland
Object Number: 1862.9

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Classification: SHIP MODELS

Curatorial Remarks:
Models like the one shown here were developed by ironclad warship builders to show the curvature of the iron armor designed to protect a ship's wooden hull. Revolutionizing marine warfare at the time, the Brooklyn built Monitor became renowned when it fought the C. S. S. Virginia to a standstill on March 9, 1862 at Hampton Roads, Virginia in one of history's most significant naval battles. (The Confederates re-fitted the U. S. S. Merrimack, a captured Union ship, and re-named it the C. S. S. Virginia.) This artifact was donated to the Society by the builder.

Physical Description:
Builder's plating half-model of the U.S.S. Monitor, mounted on backboard; scribing lines indicate placement and curvature of iron plates, nails show areas of riveting.